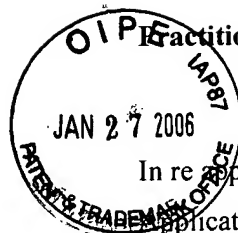


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In re Application of: Michael A. Centanni et al.

Application No.: 10/663,593

Group No.: 1744

Confirmation No.: 3283

Filed: September 16, 2003

Examiner: Elizabeth L. McKane

For: SENSOR FOR DETERMINING CONCENTRATION OF FLUID STERILANT

**RESPONSE UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION--TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY		
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+	\$	0.00	= \$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE							\$	0.00

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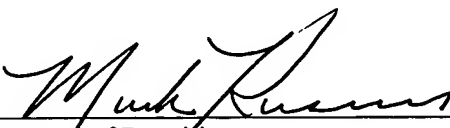
No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

5. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 50-0537.
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 10, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.